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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ARAI et al

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For: Method Of Detecting Particles And A Processing

Apparatus Using The Same

Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: R. Zervigon

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in the accompanying RCE, in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2007. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims;

Remarks are included following the amendments.